

Utah Board of Juvenile Justice

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Date:	Friday, Mar. 25, 2005	Time:	8:00 – 10:30 am	Place:	Utah State Capitol Complex Arsenal Hill Conference Center, Seagull Room
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Members Present	Gary Anderson, Pat Berckman, Andria Burton, Adam Cohen, Gary Dalton, Tonia Hashimoto, Jennifer Jolley, Willard Malmstrom, Holly Martak, Dennis Martinez, Huy D. Nguyen, Carol Page, Fred Peake, Lonnie Thomas, Natalie Thornley, Russ Van Vleet
Members Excused	Leslie D. Brown, Maria Garciaz, Michael Di Reda, Paul Tsosie
Members Absent	Max Jackson
Staff & Visitors	Matt Davis, Reg Garff, Jo Lynn Kruse

Agenda Item:	Welcome and Chair's Report
Notes:	Fred Peake called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

Agenda Item:	NCJJ Conference Report
Notes:	<p>Gary Anderson stated that the NCJJ conference is one of the better conferences to attend. It is sponsored by the National Juvenile Court Judges Association and National Association of Prosecutors. They had some of the best presenters and we may want to try to bring some of them to Utah. They addressed issues that were very pertinent to juvenile justice. The focus was not only on local juvenile justice issues, but national ones. A presentation on drugs and the adolescent brain was very well done. OJJDP was represented at the conference as well. There was a great exchange of ideas and was a wonderful learning experience. Willard Malmstrom added that the information given in a book they gave out (The 32nd National Conference of Juvenile Justice) was very comprehensive. There was also a presentation on child abuse by Victor Vee, director for the National Center for the Prosecution of Child Abuse. Willard and Reg (via web cast) sat in on the national broadcast put on by OJJDP, Graduated Sanctions: Effective Interventions Strategies for Addressing Delinquency.</p> <p>Please sign up for the Troubled Youth Conference today if you plan on attending. Also please <i>RSVP</i> to Darin Carver no later than April 8th for the 7th Annual Juvenile Court State Supervision Luncheon, to be held on April 21st. Michele Christiansen, the executive director of CCJJ, will be the keynote speaker for that event.</p>

Agenda Item:	Committee Reports
Notes:	<p>Pre-Adjudicated Committee – Pat Berckman Nothing to report.</p> <p>Post-Adjudicated Committee – Adam Cohen Nothing to report.</p> <p>Title V Committee – Carol Page Title V has two projects currently going, Springville which will end in June and the Delta project which is up and running.</p> <p>Youth Committee/Do the Write Thing – Andria Burton The two DTWT finalists are from Highland (Ogden) and Dixie (St. George) Middle Schools. Andria will check with the UEA to see if we can get a free booth to promote DTWT at the UEA conference. Jennifer Jolley will order books to give to the VIP judges. Jo Lynn Kruse will order frames for the certificates. Andria and Jennifer will do the seating arrangements.</p>

	<p>DMC – Russ Van Vleet</p> <p>The DMC Committee met yesterday and Dennis Martinez gave an update on the probation agreement. We’ve been invited to the Juvenile Court Judges conference on May 19, 2005. Judge Thorne will give an overview of the Commission on Racial & Ethnic Fairness. Russ Van Vleet will present updated numbers to them and why we are keeping track. Dan Maldonado asked for a discussion as to whether the current risk assessment is possibly leading to more over representation. The committee as a whole is making progress.</p>
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Agenda Item:	Utah Peace Institute – Ljubica “Buba” Roth
Notes:	<p>Ms. Roth pointed out why we stay in subgroups of our same culture. It’s a comfort zone. She stated that peace is harmony, and is the art of being in harmony with yourself, your family, your community and with the world. Peace does not mean that problems will not exist. The Utah Peace Institute believes in embracing diversity and providing people in the community with the tools for living in peace. After school programs provide meaningful, inclusive, self-sustaining learning enrichment programs for youth and families. They are going to partner with Granite School District. There are over 330,000 minorities living in Utah. Last year was the first time Utah Peace Institute had an office, thanks to grant funding from CCJJ.</p>

Agenda Item:	Outcome Measures Report – Matt Davis
Notes:	<p>Matt Davis presented research he has been conducting with refugees from the Utah Peace Institute. Most of the ethnic groups represented there are above the state norm in regard to risk factors. All of them feel like they do not belong in their neighborhood. They not only feel alienated from their environment, they also don’t see any rewards for becoming involved. Conclusions from the study show that the sampling was not random and their validity questioned a bit. However, this is the first time that this type of data has been gathered from this group of people. Matt found that these groups are not attached to their communities. The Bosnian population had the best over all profile. (They also did not select random participants and may have selected only the best youth to survey.) The Sudanese had the highest antisocial behavior, exhibit the highest risk and have the lowest protective factors.</p>

Agenda Item:	Juvenile Justice Specialist Report
Notes:	<p>The budget hasn’t changed much. The last of our 2002 funding is finally spent. There is about \$23,000 left in the 2003 account. If an extension is not granted, last year’s award may have to be tapped. Reg just released the RFP for continuation projects.</p> <p>Kearns Town Council and the Kearns Coalition have run into some difficulties. Reg has been trying to gather information from them concerning the ’04 grant. Reg has not received any ’04 financial or progress reports. They haven’t requested reimbursement for any of their ’04 money. This week Reg sent them a letter de-obligating the \$34,000 award. It is highly likely that they will not reapply for continuation funding this year. Last year payments went through the Kearns Town Council, who was the fiduciary agent at the time. After the first two payments, the fiduciary changed to the Kearns Coalition. However, the second reimbursement (just over \$7,000), to the Kearns Town Council, was never distributed to the Kearns Coalition. Reg sent a letter to the Kearns Town Council instructing them to make the payment for services provided by the Kearns Coalition. A check was received by the Kearns Coalition within five days.</p> <p>The Title II RFP was released. There are now required performance measures issued by OJJDP. All new grants have to identify the project area and which performance measures they are going to report. Anyone who has a continuation grant as of April 1, 2005 must report using these designated performance measures. For additional information on the OJJDP performance measures go to www.dsgonline.com.</p>

	<p>There has been some concern about South Summit Mentoring. Max and Gary Dalton are going to visit there next month. Gary Dalton made the motion to allow them to submit as a non-profit. Gary Anderson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.</p> <p>Grants currently run off the state fiscal year. Reg would like to move them to the federal fiscal year, which runs October 1 to September 30. Gary Anderson made the motion to allow a change to the federal fiscal year. Carol Page seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.</p> <p>Gary Anderson and Judge Brown are going to visit Delta next week. <u>Lisa Boesky will be here on May 10-12, 24-26, Sept. 27-29 and Oct 25-27. Please contact Reg ASAP if you would like to attend one of these training sessions.</u> Tom Begech will provide technical assistance to assist in creating a DMC strategic plan for Utah June 23-24. The DMC session will conclude on day two, then move into a half-day SAG training. All UBJJ members are invited to attend both training sessions. Elizabeth Wolf, Utah's OJJDP representative will be coming as well.</p>
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The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, April 29, 2005 at 9:45 am, State Capitol Complex, Olmstead Room.
The DtWT awards luncheon will follow at 11:30 am.
Minutes prepared by Jo Lynn Kruse - Executive Secretary, CCJJ